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AGAINST EEC FARM PRICE PROPOSALS . FOUR KEY CITIES OF THE LYON
CONSULAR DISTRICT., CLERMONT DSH FERRAND, DIJON, MOULINS AND
SAINT-ETIENNE WERE SCENES OF LARGE SCALE AGRICULTURAL UNREST LAST
WEEK . ALL TOLD IT IS ESTIMATED SOME 100,000 FARMERS PARTICIPATED
IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS TO PROTEST THE PRICE PROPOSALS BY THE
EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR THE 1976 DSH 77 CROP YEAR. THE FEBRUARY
18 DEMONSTRATION IN DIJON STARTED CALMLY BUT LATER BECAME VIOLENT.
RAILWAY TRAFFIC THROUGH DIJON WAS DELAYED 40 MINUTES BY
DEMONSTRATORS ON THE RAILS AND STREET BATTLES BROKE OUT IN
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WHICH POLICE USED TEARGAS AND NIGHT STICKS TO HOLD BACK THE STONE

THROWING MULTITUDE . AT CLERMONT DSH FERRAND PRESIDENT DEBATISSE
OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF FARM SYNDICATES , F.N.S.E.A. ,
STATED THAT NOT ONLY THE EEC, BUT ALSO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT
SHOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE. COMMENT, IN VIEW OF THE GENERALLY
WELL ORGANIZED NATURE OF THESE DEMONSTRATIONS, IT IS ANTICIPATED
THAT OTHER FOLLOW UP ACTIONS ARE LIKELY TO OCCUR IN THE NEAR
FUTURE UNLESS SOME SATISFACTION IS FORTHCOMING .

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